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Commissioner

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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Hanski:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request, received by the Division on June 14, 2019, in which you requested the following:

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, I hereby request any records that indicate, reference, relate or refer to, any of:

i) the 11 entities listed below:

Vornado Realty Trust;

Vornado Realty LP;

148 Spring Street, LLC;

150 Spring Street LLC;

VNO 154 Spring Street LLC;

VNO 155 Spring Street LLC;

501 Broadway REIT LLC;

VNO 443 Broadway Holdings II LLC;

VNO 443 Broadway Holdings III LLC;

VNO 443 Broadway LLC;

VNO 501 Broadway LLC;

ii) the properties/buildings listed below (all of which are located in

New York, NY)

148 Spring Street;

150 Spring Street;

154 Spring Street;

155 Spring Street;

501 Broadway;

442 Broadway 443 Broadway; 445 Broadway

This record request includes, but is not limited to, any records that relate to the any investigation by the Division of Human Rights ("Division") into storefront accessibility at the above properties. (For example, as part of the investigation referenced in a press release dated, June 27, 2017 located on the Division's website at the following address: https://dhr.ny.gov/storefront-accessibility.)

Please be advised that pursuant to the New York Public Officers Law, state agencies are not required to make records available where such records are specifically exempted from disclosure by statute. Public Officers Law § 87(2)(a). The Human Rights Law provides that: [n]o officer, agent or employee of the division shall make public with respect to a particular person without his consent information from reports obtained by the division except as necessary to the conduct of a proceeding under this section." Executive Law § 297(8).

In addition, an agency may deny access to records where disclosure "would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy," Public Officers Law § 87(2)(b); and to inter-agency or intra-agency materials which are not: i. statistical or factual tabulations or data; ii. instructions to staff that affect the public; iii. final agency policy or determinations; iv. external audits, including but not limited to audits performed by the comptroller and the federal government." Public Officers Law § 87(2)(g).

Based on the above, the Division is unable to provide to non-parties any documents other than the final agency determination.

After a diligent search of the Division's Case Management System, the Division found no records responsive to your request.

Any person denied access to a requested record may, within thirty (30) days of the denial, appeal the denial in writing by mail or fax to Caroline J. Downey, General Counsel, N.Y.S. Division of Human Rights, One Fordham Plaza, 4th Floor, Bronx, New York 10458.

Very truly yours,

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